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Thrown Under the Bus

Humboldt schools inch closer to rescuing mental health funds slashed by Trump

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California school districts were bracing for their mental health grants to be cut at the end of the month, but a recent court ruling could force the Trump administration to temporarily release the remaining funds used for school social workers and counselors.

A court ruling on Dec. 4 rejected the Trump administration's attempt to stall a preliminary injunction in which a federal judge ordered the U.S. Department of Education to release millions of dollars in grants for school mental health workers.

The ruling is part of an ongoing multi-state lawsuit alleging that the administration's sweeping cancellation of mental health grants — \$168 million for California schools — in April was unlawful and jeopardized services "critical to students' well-being, safety and academic success" in rural and underserved parts of the country.

The mental health program, which was funded by Congress after the 2022 school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, included grants meant to help schools hire more counselors, psychologists and social workers.

In an April discontinuation letter, the Trump administration accused grant recipients of violating "merit, fairness and excellence in education," broadly targeting diversity, equity and inclusion in the grant program.

Amanda Mangaser Savage, an attorney at the nonprofit law firm Public Counsel, said the injunction does not issue a final ruling on the legal basis of the cancellation. It issues a temporary release of funds, she said, that is not guaranteed to be permanent or timely enough to retain all mental health worker roles before Dec. 31, the cutoff for funds listed in the cancellation notice.

"So, it's not like someone flips a switch and all of a sudden everybody gets money," Savage said. "It's that the Department of Education can't rely on these unlawful considerations that it relied on to discontinue the grants."

Injunctive relief applies only to a subset of grantees who had submitted declarations of harm to the court, including McKinleyville Union School District and Northern Humboldt Union High School District in Humboldt County. Represented by Public Counsel, McKinleyville Union also filed its own independent lawsuit in October, seeking a release of nearly \$6 million in remaining mental health grant funds, Savage said.

The ruling restores roughly \$3.8 million in Madera County in the Central Valley and \$8 million in Marin County in the Bay Area.

Jack Bareilles, the grants and evaluation administrator with the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, said the court ruling is a step in the right direction, but that it is not enough to retain the four social workers and project staff, as well as prospective social work interns, he expects to lose unless a final ruling guarantees restored funds for the district. Northern Humboldt is still expecting to lose more than \$6.5 million in grant funds.

"We're happy that the panel ruled the way they did, but this administration has made a habit out of continuing to appeal all the way up to the Supreme Court," Bareilles said. "It doesn't give us any certainty at this moment."

Unlike in McKinleyville Union's independent lawsuit, Northern Humboldt and other school districts are not the main plaintiffs in the multi-state lawsuit, which was filed by a coalition of 16 states in June. Bareilles said that he is also uncertain whether the injunction would release funds to all 49 grant recipients, or only those who declared support for the lawsuit, in California. If or when the district does receive its funds, Northern Humboldt would not be able to fully recover its team of school counselors and social workers, he said.

"It will be very hard to regain the momentum," Bareilles said. "We can't even rehire in some cases, because we're in the

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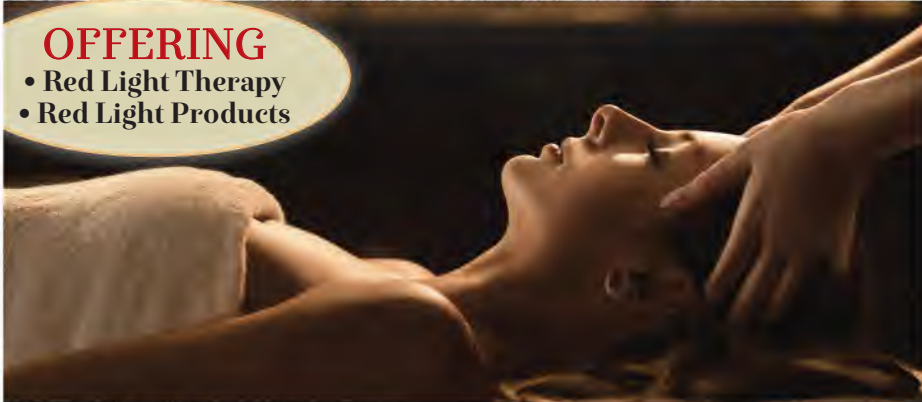
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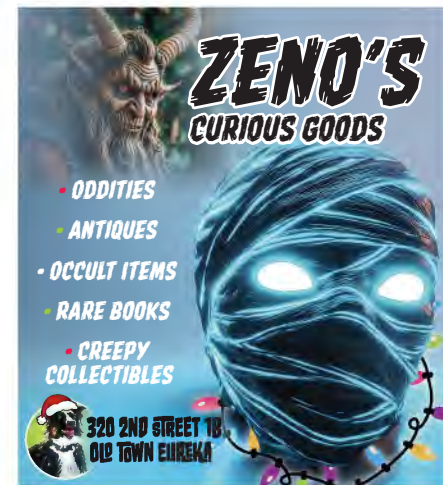
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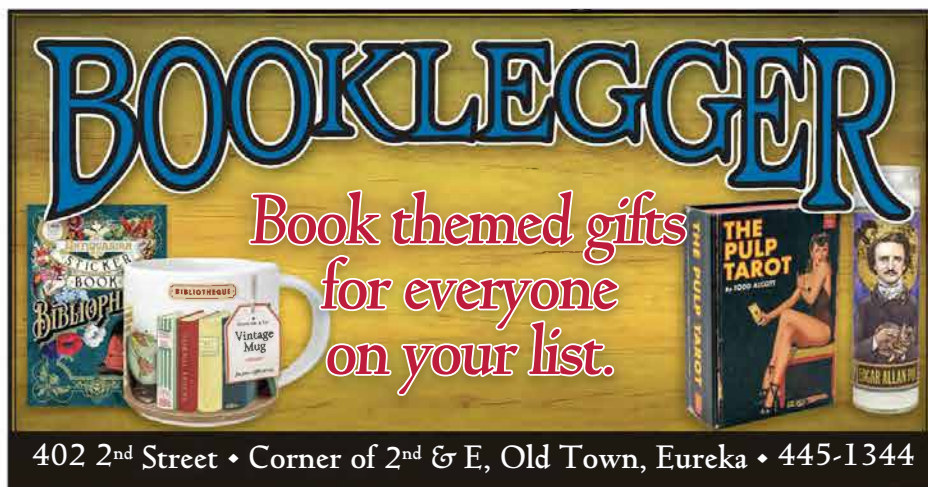
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The Northern Humboldt Union High School District alone is expecting to lose more than \$6.5 million in grant funds. *File*

middle of the school year, and people have already taken other jobs."

Grant provided funds to hire more counselors

Before the grant, McKinleyville Union had only one school counselor per 850 students. Since then, it has been able to hire five more counselors. If the district does not receive funds in time, the school could lose these workers, as well as a mental health grants administrator.

"And, most problematically, students start to develop relationships with the mental health providers that are in their schools. If all of a sudden those positions are cut, in some ways that's even more harmful than if you would never start them at all," Savage said. "Because students believe that they're going to have this care and then all of a sudden, they don't."

Through the grant, Northern Humboldt has provided more than 3,600 additional students with mental health services since 2023 and has helped credential and employ over 25 mental health clinicians in the county. Bareilles is hopeful that the restored funds will allow for the continued training of prospective social workers

and school counselors.

"But for our students, there's hundreds of kids this year who have not had a person to serve them because that person wasn't there," Bareilles said. "That's just the sad nature of this process."

In Humboldt County, where McKinleyville Union and Northern Humboldt Union are located, more than half of all youths have experienced traumatic events like abuse or homelessness, according to Savage. The county also has the highest number of Native American youth in California who rely on grant funds to receive services like grief intervention and suicide prevention, she said.

"What's really going on here is the Trump administration is having an ideological disagreement with the Biden administration, and it's basically throwing these kids under the bus," Savage said. "It just shows how little they actually care about the mental health of these students." ●

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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High tide in Humboldt Bay under the Samoa Bridge.
Photo by Jennifer Savage

The Ocean Is Coming: King Tides Offer Preview of Rising Seas

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The highest King Tides of the year arrived in Humboldt County last week, offering both a spectacle and a warning. Unlike waves or swell, which are wind-driven, tides are the daily rise and fall of the ocean, created by the gravitational pull of the moon and sun. They become “King” tides when the sun, moon, and Earth align as the moon reaches its closest point to Earth. This amplifies gravitational pull, creating extra-high high tides and extra-low low tides. But last week’s King Tides are not just a meteorological phenomenon. They flood roadways and beaches in real time and offer a preview of the new normal as sea level rises. Think of them as a weather forecast — telling us what’s happening today and what we can expect a decade from now, or sooner. That’s why the California King Tides Project exists, to document what the future will bring. You can still participate during next month’s King Tides on Jan. 2 and Jan. 3. This watery future will affect everyone with a connection to the coast. Surfers. People who find restoration in a beach stroll, maybe with their dog cavorting alongside. People whose ancestors stretch

back to time immemorial and people who arrived during the COVID boom. Anyone who drives U.S. Highway 101 or State Route 255 or Old Navy Base Road. Residents of King Salmon, Fields Landing, the Eel River Valley, or anywhere at or below sea level. People who visit pocket beaches like Luffenholz or Guthrie Creek, tide pool at Baker Beach, hike the Lost Coast, post up at Shelter Cove. Anyone who likes to drink clean water, catch fish in Humboldt Bay, eat local oysters. And, of course, city and county Public Works staff, elected officials, tourism promoters, coastal developers, state regulators, transportation planners. As a coastal county, our fortunes are inextricably tied to the future of our coast. **Humboldt Bay – leading the West Coast in sea level rise** During King Tides, Humboldt Bay swells as if it might spill over — and sometimes does. Elsewhere, roads, neighborhoods, trails and beaches temporarily disappear underwater. Waves run farther up the sand. The ocean pushes into estuaries, backing up rivers. Water scours away sand,

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eroding beaches and exposing vulnerable infrastructure.

For now, the tide recedes. But rising seas — an ongoing, irreversible reality driven by fossil fuel dependence — mean the ocean will expand farther inland every year. How much farther depends on geography and whether adjacent land is rising or sinking.

In addition to standard sea level rise projections, vertical land motion, known as

subsidence or uplift, adds to or subtracts from local sea level. A recent NASA/JPL study documented measurable sinking along many California coastal areas, finding that Humboldt Bay is experiencing the fastest rate of relative sea level rise on the West Coast.

On average, the Humboldt coast will likely see at least 1 foot of sea level rise by 2050. The King Tides, along with NOAA's Sea Level Rise Viewer, therefore offer a

reasonable preview of what will register as “normal” — or even low — tide in the future. From here, we can imagine what's to come.

A vision of the future, today

Forget posting up on the north end of Trinidad State Beach or throwing surf contests at College Cove — by 2050 that sand will be underwater most hours of the day. That low tide break at Camel Rock

will be lost to permanent higher tides. You'll hope the viewing platform at Tepona Point survives so you can show the kids where Luffenholz Beach used to be.

Wave goodbye to those cows on the south side of State Route 255. For that matter, wave goodbye to the 255 — except maybe since that transpacific under-sea fiber optic cable runs alongside it, the county will maintain some kind of barrier to keep the bay from overtaking the road. Hopefully, Arcata's plans to add salt marsh around the wastewater treatment plant will be complete, as well.

Traveling to and from Manila, Samoa, Finntown and Fairhaven will mean navigating more coastal hazards. The Samoa Peninsula is already dotted with rotting industrial projects such as the old pulp mill and Fairhaven power plant, and covered in invasive European beach grass that turns dunes into unnatural and dangerous cliffs impossible to scale. Water delivery infrastructure to the Coast Guard station has already been damaged by high tides. Part of Old Navy Base Road teeters on a crumbling shoreline. About 75 percent of the bay is buttressed by artificial structures, namely rocks, which worsen erosion over time and destroy sensitive habitats. These problems will only intensify.

Remember when Humboldt Water-keeper and Surfrider pushed Caltrans to account for sea level rise in the agency's U.S. Highway 101 redesign? That advocacy improved the outcome and the overpass connecting Arcata and Eureka. But the glorious new multiuse trail alongside the bay will be a quarter-century old by 2050 and reliant on intervention to still exist. Deeper into Eureka, Eureka Marsh will embrace the “wet” in wetlands to a profound degree — might as well stock up on mosquito repellent now. Leaving the city, expect submerged fields on both sides of the highway.

Will King Salmon resemble Venice with homes on wooden piles or Sausalito's collection of houseboats? Here's hoping rising seas don't overtop the 37 tons of nuclear waste currently stored on the bluff — current estimates suggest that won't happen until 2090, if climate change doesn't accelerate.

Down in the Lost Coast Headlands, Fleener Creek Beach has been closed nearly two years due to landslides. With rising seas, stronger storms, and increased erosion, Guthrie Creek and other pocket beaches won't last much longer. The Lost Coast's famed hike already requires careful attention to tidal predictions — by 2050 the tide may not drop low enough to allow passage along the beach. The road to Shelter Cove's beach won't serve much

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Humboldt's first conservation cemetery
clears major milestone

By Kimberly Wear

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Arcata resident Michael Furniss has spent a lot of time thinking about a subject many people try to avoid: What happens after one dies.

For decades, the wildland soil scientist has carried a vision of how he wants to be buried — laid directly into the ground at the roots of a tree, allowing his body to nourish the soil and be absorbed into the surrounding plant life.

While he explored different natural burial options over the years, Furniss says he never found one that quite fit the image that came to him one day as he watched rainwater filter into the earth in a wooded area of the University of California Berkeley campus during graduate school.

Then, life intervened. And, busy with his research career, time passed. Still, the aspiration he's since trademarked as "entrement," rather than interment, stayed with him.

Now retired but teaching classes at Cal Poly Humboldt, Furniss founded the nonprofit Sacred Groves with the goal of bringing a green cemetery to Humboldt County. And, with more people choosing to set aside modern end-of-life trappings for environmentally friendly arrangements, he began to coalesce a broad base of support for creating a place where a person's last act can be one of giving back to nature.

With the Humboldt County Planning Commission unanimously approving Sacred Groves' plans for a dedicated conser-

vation cemetery on 44-acres of private land in Kneeland last month, he's now close to attaining what he envisioned so long ago.

During his presentation at the meeting, Furniss touched on his "origin story" of interest in natural burial since his 20s before explaining how the basic elements of the practice are simple.

"It involves interning an unembalmed body in a simple biodegradable shroud or casket in a relatively shallow grave — 3 to 4 feet deep — with no concrete vaults or plastic liners to promote aerobic decomposition," he told the commission.

In collaboration with his "land partner and conservationist luminary" Eric Almquist, Furniss said, Sacred Groves

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— Sacred Groves Executive
Director Michael Furniss

was now ready to bring that option to the region, describing it as a project “that could really serve our community and those wishing for this lovely form of final disposition.”

Furniss noted the nonprofit has “an active board of directors” — that ranges from local physicians and ecologists to financiers and tech executives. And, he said, he’s been working with experts in natural burial circles who have been advising them on the plans.

Sacred Groves will adhere to what’s known as conservational burial best practices, he added, and is in the process of receiving certification from the national Green Burial Council, which will include

“very strict standards for how we operate.”

“It is a really growing and exciting movement,” he said, adding a conservation cemetery is the highest tier in the green burial realm.

Those take three main forms, according to the GBC. There’s what’s known as a hybrid cemetery, which is a conventional cemetery that “offers the essential aspects of natural burial” — including not requiring vaults or liners inside the plot — and accepting “any kind of eco-friendly, biodegradable burial containers.”

Natural burial grounds are, as the name implies, “dedicated in full to sustainable practices,” with protocols to conserve

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Fog rolls over the Kneeland ridgeland at the Sacred Groves site.

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Conservation sites are an extension of natural burial grounds, but “established in partnership with a conservation organization” with a “conservation management

plan that upholds best practices and provides perpetual protection of the land.”

Included in those best practices, Furniss said, Sacred Groves plans to restore the oak savannahs that once dotted the landscape and set aside funds for additional conservation work.

“People want and need this option,” he said. “We know what we are doing in

terms of establishing and being able to operate this facility.”

Among those voicing support was Almquist, who told commissioners how he and his wife began purchasing land in Kneeland back in 2008 and over the years added to the now sprawling ranch of some 550 acres.

“I just thought when this was first pro-

posed that it seemed like it aligned so well with our goal, which was always, from the onset of our interest there, to get a conservation easement on this parcel, which we are now in the process of with North Coast Land Trust,” Almquist said, adding that will hopefully be finalized this year.

Including a green cemetery on a portion of the land, he noted, “just kind of locks it down, just assures that this is going to be a conservation parcel basically forever.”

While interest is growing in finding a gentler path at life’s end, green or natural burial is by no means a new concept. Instead, it’s a return to the rituals from time immemorial that many cultures and religions continue to embrace.

Speaking to that lineage, Marc Daniels, owner of Ferndale’s Mind’s Eye, recounted his experiences while working for decades in small Native villages on the Pribilof Islands in Alaska, where he’s seen the practice firsthand many times.

“When someone passes away in the community, it’s the family and the community that prepare the deceased, build the casket, dig the grave, care for the person, and that heals a community,” he said.

Having a similar opportunity here in Humboldt, Daniels said, would be “wonderful.”

Jennifer Wheeler, a member of the nonprofit’s advisory board, echoed similar thoughts, saying she wants to be buried in the most natural way possible.

Being able to choose a setting like Sacred Groves, she said, means her children and grandchildren will be able to visit her final resting place while surrounded by nature, allowing them to find peace and communion in “an increasingly disorderly world.”

“In that way, I can continue to be a mother for them and play a small ecological role for the soil organisms, plants and wildlife,” Wheeler said, adding Sacred Groves is a “vital option that should be provided.”

Commissioners voiced overwhelming support for the cemetery, with Chair Iver Skavdal describing it as one of the “most intriguing topics” he’s seen during his time on the board.

But several raised concerns about the possibility of animals desecrating graves due to the shallow depth — done because the soil biota integral to bringing about the “dust-to-dust” process is most active in the upper layers of the earth.

Furniss noted this was a subject that often “comes up” and said he’s talked to other green burial sites, including at the Trinidad Cemetery, where the practice is allowed by special request but spaces there are extremely limited.



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The overarching consensus from those on the ground, he said, is “there was no evidence whatsoever of that ever happening in the U.S.” And, he added, that was the last thing anyone involved would want.

After some back and forth, the board agreed in the end to require a minimum cover of 18 inches and for Sacred Groves to enact protocols in its management plan on what to do if such a disturbance were to take place.

With the permit now secured, Furniss said in a later interview with the *Journal*, attention is turning to wrapping up the final details. As the first new cemetery to be proposed locally in nearly 100 years, the process was “a good learning experience” for all involved, he said.

The 44-acres of the land — held in an Almquist family trust — is under a 99-year renewable lease to Sacred Groves, he said, and the conservation easement now in



Grasslands at the Sacred Groves site.

Credit: Sacred Groves

the final stages will include a cemetery envelope, “with special protections.”

While pricing for the memorial groves is still being set, Furniss said the goal is to make it “as affordable as possible,” while still allowing Sacred Groves to bring in enough to cover expenses.

Many people shy away from the topic of green burial when he first brings it up, Furniss said, often asking to pivot to another subject, even the ever-fraught topic of politics

“Then, once you start talking about it, they get fascinated,” he said.

In addition to offering natural burials, Sacred Groves will also be accepting ashes, according to Furniss, with human composting remains being received starting in 2027.

While a death in the family is often one of the hardest losses to navigate, Sacred Groves aims to be a “place where people want to visit,” providing a natural, inspiring setting that “has a connection to life,”

Furniss said.

The gates to the private property situated on a ridgetop with grassland surrounded by forest are expected to open for burials sometime in the next few months, with updates and other information available on the nonprofit’s website, thesacredfamilygroves.org.

When that happens, Sacred Groves will become one of fewer than two dozen cemeteries in the nation dedicated to intertwining natural burial practices with efforts to protect and restore the land where the memorials are located.

“It’s getting real. I’m a little nervous about it but it’s also quite inspiring,” Furniss said. “It might take a few months to get that all together, but we passed a major milestone.” ●

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Jessica Jones and her son Hendrix, along with her longtime friend Elena Morgan and daughter Isla Rae, are busy professionals raising the next generation of Murphy's shoppers. Jessica was born and raised in Humboldt County, while Elena moved here during high school. -They attended Arcata High together, later earning business degrees from Cal Poly Humboldt. Jessica continued on to earn her Master's and now works as a Realtor with Norcal Casas Realty Services. -Elena left briefly for Chico State to earn her Master's but returned nine years ago and works at Eureka Broadcasting.

Murphy's has been part of their lives from the beginning. -Jessica has shopped at Murphy's her entire life, and Elena started visiting the Westwood store during college. -"Everywhere I've lived, there's always been a Murphy's nearby," Elena says. Jessica adds, -"I've always appreciated how Murphy's helps the community. And our kids love the little shopping carts!"

Their go-to items? -Local Humboldt products, great wine selections, deli sandwiches, ready meals, and top-notch produce. Supporting a local store matters deeply. -"Supporting local is what keeps Humboldt strong," they agree.

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Ambitious Cuisine Along the Avenue of the Giants

By April Louis

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Southern Humboldt's food scene, notably homemade and crafty, doesn't seem a likely location for high-end dining. Certainly, there are pseudo versions of high-end cuisine, and often restaurants that claim such experiences remain in the overpriced and staid tourist trap category. But that stigma saw a serious blow this past summer with the reopening of the Olde Riverwood, a restaurant that now represents far more than the sum of its parts.

Phillipsville is a very unassuming place. One of a handful of small towns dotting the Avenue of the Giants, it's a hamlet many could drive by without taking notice. A stunning part of the county, old growth redwood trees are the main attraction. The Olde Riverwood fits in here with the aesthetic of a classic roadhouse.

Upon entering for dinner, you immediately notice buzz and energy from a bar, the warm feel of a beloved locals' dive dominates the space. The bar hosts live music and, on some nights, line dancing, true tenets of a country establishment — no hint of what someone entering for a meal on a whim is about to experience.

Behind the bar space lies the dining room, more brightly lit and softer edged. While dated and lived in, the dining space has a sense of comfort and ease. You are given a short menu and a drinks list, and suddenly it dawns that this restaurant is built differently.

When partners Vahan Petrossian and James Fleming purchased the Olde Riverwood in May, they immediately did something quietly revolutionary. By leaning into the traditional roadhouse theme, they made a decision to curate pop-up menus based on local and seasonal ingredients. Menus have been led thus far by three different chefs, each with a unique spin on the concept, and more chef collaborations are in the pipeline.

The resulting food is consistently exceptional, features modern interpreta-

tions of traditional dishes and punches well above its price point. An initial chef collaboration with *America's Test Kitchen* veteran Garrett Schlichte shows just how serious this place is about food. The first menu was to the point, highlighting simple ingredients done incredibly well. Meatballs and chicken schnitzel were some of the early winners, and each was a refined version of a homemade classic.

Since Schlichte, the Olde Riverwood has brought in local chefs Trevor Samuels McTear and Lara Ortiz-Luis to help helm the restaurant. Ortiz-Luis is the cofounder of Virgo Supperclub with Schlichte in San Francisco, while Samuels McTear is a frequent collaborator with Humboldt businesses, including a recent lamb chop and A5 wagyu dinner with Septentrio Winery.

Samuels McTear's menu during October was memorable and a marked shift towards more ambitious fine dining. Among the highlights was a Chinese spiced cassoulet with duck confit and stuffed delicata with lamb keftedes. The duck was a melt-in-your-mouth experience expertly paired with pickled fennel that helped offset immense richness. Other menu items included a savory and decadent cheesecake with artichoke heart and pickled vegetables, a beetroot tarte tatin, and an olive oil cake as a dessert option.

This is truly creative food, and it's worth mentioning that items on the menu ranged from \$11 to \$26, reasonable prices almost unheard of for cuisine at this level. Service can be on the slower side, but well worth waiting for and frankly part of the growing pains of a new restaurant.

Menus since have hit the same theme of cuisine punching above its weight, and



Garrett Schlichte's pop-up dinner at the Olde Riverwood.
Courtesy of the Olde Riverwood

the restaurant has been able to maintain similar food quality between pop-ups with owner Vahan Petrossian at the helm. It's impressive to see a restaurant not only serve excellent food, but execute it in such a dynamic and constantly shifting way.

The consistency of the Olde Riverwood can likely be traced to its partnerships with local farms and vendors. Local notables like the Foggy Bottoms Boys, Luna Farm, Fruitland Farms, Green Spiral Farm and others have been supplying the establishment. Having such fresh produce comes across plainly in resulting dishes.

Local sourcing and collaborations are continuing, most recently with the start of a series of local winemaker dinners. The first of these last month featured Miles Garrett Wines, a winery based in Willow Creek. Also incoming is a holiday pop-up store featuring local wines, condiments, home goods and even local art. Clearly the roadhouse is now a constantly evolving entity.

SoHum's economy has been hit hard over the past decade but it is reassuring to see signs of recovery. The Olde Riverwood gives a glimpse of the region's potential for locally sourced, high-level cuisine and sets a new standard for dining in Southern Humboldt. ●

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Arcata Playhouse Rolls the Dice

*With The Dungeon, the Dragon and the Wizard of Doom:
A D&D Holiday Show Adventure*

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Arcata Playhouse is bringing the British tradition of a Christmas pantomime to Humboldt once again. Pantomimes are often thought of as silent endeavors but this incarnation is the opposite. Christmas pantomimes, or “pantos,” are community centered, derived theater that combines fairy tales and current events with humor, song and music. Traditional elements are drag performances of the “Panto Dame” and the hero, audience participation, sing-alongs, good-natured audience roasting and a plethora of puns.

With *The Dungeon, the Dragon and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure*, Arcata Playhouse brings a panto inspired by world-renowned collaborative storytelling tabletop game Dungeons and Dragons, commonly known as D&D. Many aspects of the game mirror the derived theater of panto. Both are cooperative storytelling; everyone contributes to the story to make it greater than the sum of its parts. Both evolve in response to their environments. A role-playing game can be a campaign that takes place over the course of years and will naturally reflect changes in the players’ lives, while a key aspect of a panto is how its story reflects current events. For both, the rules that define the scope and world of the story-making are created and adhered to by agreement amongst players. This requires trust between them to meet the full potential of the storytelling. D&D and pantos serve a common purpose of processing events through the lens of storytelling. The scope of their audiences differs in that D&D are private games, while pantos are public performances. One critical difference is the random factor that is integral to D&D and absent from derived theater, a gap writer/director Evan Grande and co-director James

Peck bridged by including dice rolls by audience volunteers.

Arcata Playhouse doesn’t offer a program for the panto. I may be reading into that, but it seems to me that by not naming the cast, they keep themselves part of the community. Each individual on stage is equally important to those unnamed in the audience. I even hesitate to name the cast in this review to respect that philosophy and the importance of the community focus of the show. I will say the cast and crew range in experience from professional to novice. They all pitched in for costumes and scenery. They all contributed to plot and dialogue. It’s hard work to bring this art form into being, and I’m grateful to everyone involved.

The Queendom of Dame Queen Ivana Hugalot (James Peck) has suffered from the oppression of a gold hoarding dragon. The Queen has arranged a marriage for her daughter Rosalind (Kelly Garnand) with wealthy paladin Abriel of Trinidadia (Abigail Maguire) to refill the queendom’s coffers. On the wedding day, Boind Umbranova (Evan Grande), an evil wizard of the highest financial order, and his hench-orcs Gruk (Vaya Sabadicci), Gleek and Grock (puppeted by Victoria Timoteo) kidnap Princess Rosalind. They plan to sacrifice her to the greedy dragon as part of a sketchy financial scheme. Abriel, his companion Trergibjae (Alexandra Hilsee) and the cleric Ecclesias (Benjamin Shaef-fer) form an adventure party to save the princess. There are magical portals, scary tunnels and a riddling robot named Arty (Marilyn Foote). The characters grow, capitalism is challenged, dice are rolled, and love wins the day.

On opening night, the audience was packed into the lobby while waiting for the house to open. The chatter was cheerful, the atmosphere festive and the



Evan Grande, Kit Mann and Marilyn Foote in *The Dungeon, the Dragon and the Wizard of Doom*.

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concessions flowing, which made the wait easy to bear. It was a full house, so it took a bit for everyone to get seated once it opened. The band, comprised of Tim Randles, Jeff Kelly, Marla Joy and Charlie Eitel, played original tunes while we waited. We were treated to a few choral numbers from the Blue Lake Choir, which also provided excellent sound effects and more musical numbers throughout the show. Dame Queen Ivana Hugalot did some crowd work and explained what the audience's role was for the evening.

The characters are classic high-fantasy archetypes with modern motivations that spoke of current events. They are all uniquely hilarious, surprisingly complex and overall well played. A few performances that evening were a bit clunky or flat at first, but they stepped up by the second act. I believe the success of opening weekend will build their confidence for the second one.

As a long-time fan of fantasy and role-playing games, I enjoy how the Playhouse players use the genre to poke fun at the real-life dragon of late-stage capitalism. Reality is awfully bleak right now. The panto gives us a way to process it together with humor and heart. It felt good

to be able to cheer the good guys, boo the bad guys and laugh at boogeymen with my community. Dungeon masters and players, actors and audience, we are all in this together.

Arcata Playhouse's *The Dungeon, the Dragon and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure* continues with 7 p.m. shows Thursday, Dec. 11, and Friday, Dec. 12, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14. Visit playhousearts.org. ●

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NCJ SETLIST

The Ghost of Christmas Past

By Collin Yeo

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The diminishing returns of nostalgia are nothing new, but their false glitter is one of the central lodestones guiding the artistic compass of my generation. Millennials didn't invent sentimental cultural artifacts — they were first minted years ago — but we did kind of define the demand built around recycling their continued relevance. It's one of the only markets we were allowed to dominate, as the financial sector and the world of real estate have merged into pleasure barges and escape ships for previous generations. I was a child when credit scores were invented, and they rule over this current dystopia alongside a lot of the intellectual property from that era's culture.

The sense of everything staying the same while getting worse is a disorienting one, and linear time is in a tailspin in the age of COVID and two back-to-back presidents who are both older than Bill Clinton (!). The austerity and mortgaging of the future that helped the boomers enjoy the last gasp of now-forbidden American treasures like upward mobility, retirement and passive income is a debt that will be paid down by people younger than me for lifetimes, unless some senile madman pushes the wrong button and everything goes boom. For my older readers, please don't mistake this as an attack against you; this is directed at our leaders. I know you can be sensitive about this stuff, and I don't believe in generational essentialism and blanket culpability. Don't get me wrong.

The ghost of the past haunts the miserly, cold world of this present age of Scrooge. The unregulated market allows the mega-wealthy to consolidate everything into a handful of corporate goliaths ruled by these techno-feudalists with — I really can't emphasize this enough — the absolute shittiest dunce-brains incapable of appreciating anything beautiful or true. So of course they are strip-mining the past for any nuggets left out there, turning everything from *Star Wars* to *Frankenstein* into dull gray worlds full of soulless digital imagery that spray poison onto the audi-

ence like the deadly slurry downriver from a cratered superfund site. Everything is a remake; few things feel new or relevant. I was thinking about this when I rewatched *Ghost* this weekend, an unremarkable movie from 1990 that sparkles like true cinema compared to most current green-screened streaming fare. It won two Oscars in a year of riches that gave us *Goodfellas*, *Total Recall*, *Miller's Crossing*, *Jacob's Ladder*, *The Witches*, and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*. Of course there is a development deal to remake it. Whether that happens or not, the core concept should be rejected. Selling a meal that's already been digested with the promise that you will recognize some of the original flavors is disgusting and central to my revulsion with commodified nostalgia.

Still, there's a way to escape the chthonic sewers of corporate media and run out into the pastoral wilds of organic culture and that is — you guessed it — live music and such from our lovely local market. One frontier the bastards haven't managed to control or destroy yet. There's a handy guide below.

Thursday

The **Claire Bent Jazz Quintet** is putting on a holiday show at the Basement this evening, consider sleighing through to hear the talented eponymous vocalist slaying on the mic in front of her crack-sharp band of merry revelers. 'Tis the season for this kind of cheer, after all.

The doors are at 7:30 p.m. and it's only \$5 to get inside.

Friday

The venerable **Frogbite** will be doing its thing behind frontlady Lisa Sharpy tonight at the Logger Bar starting at 9 p.m. And what a thing it is, providing a proper sonic backbone for one of our county's longtime eccentric stars. It's probably free at the door, so nothing's at stake here but a good time, which is a fine deal on any night, especially one of the last Fridays of 2025.



Frogbite plays the Logger Bar at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. Submitted

Saturday

It's the second night of the **Huckleberry Flint** winter show over at the Old Steeple, and the last opportunity to get with the program if you missed out on last night's gig at the same joint. The tickets are going for \$35 online, and the music starts promptly at 7:30 p.m., so don't dawdle in the 'dale.

If you want a proper bar show with a more southern rock and psychedelic style, head over to Central Station at 9 p.m. to check out **Matthew Wallace and the Flying Saucers**. This gig is free to enter, if that sweetens the pot at all for you.

Sunday

Mariachi de Humboldt is filling up Fulkerson Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tonight's program is directed by Professor Jennifer Trowbridge and is priced as follows: \$15 for general audience members, \$5 for kiddies and free for CPH students with an I.D. This is surely some good fun for the last Sunday in autumn, the first night of Hanukkah and Gaudete Sunday.

Monday

If you missed Creative Sanctuary's **Yes Jesters!** cabaret and supper show at Synapsis a couple of weeks ago, fear not, you can catch it again at the Arcata Playhouse tonight at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by James Zeller and Katie Belknap, this mildly ribald program of foolin' shenanigans is a bright light for the beginning of a darkening

week. Tickets are a sliding scale and start at \$5, and everything seems negotiable there, so do not fret if the purse is light, the entertainment need not lack as well.

Tuesday

"Shhh/Peaceful" from Miles Davis' landmark record *In a Silent Way* is a good track for tonight.

Wednesday

I said what I did about nostalgia above, but that's got nothing to do with repurposing goofy gems from the beforetimes for some campy fun. Retro kitsch is the stylish art of thrifting in defiance of the ready-to-wear bullshit of our present age of forgettable slop. If you make something bad enough, it will belong forever to the future. Just ask Ed Wood, if you ever make it to the chintzy afterlife of the tragically bad. Or Al Hirt, for that matter, the mid-century pop trumpeter from New Orleans who scored a blaring, treble-driven hit with "Hooray for Santa Claus," the credits song for the atrociously watchable 1964 film *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*. You can catch a big screen showing of this stinker at the Arcata Theatre Lounge tonight. Same drill as ever: Roll in between 6 and 7 p.m. with \$6 in hand or \$10 if you want to leave with a poster. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) "beat(s) on, boats against the current, borne ceaselessly into the past," but he doesn't have to like it.

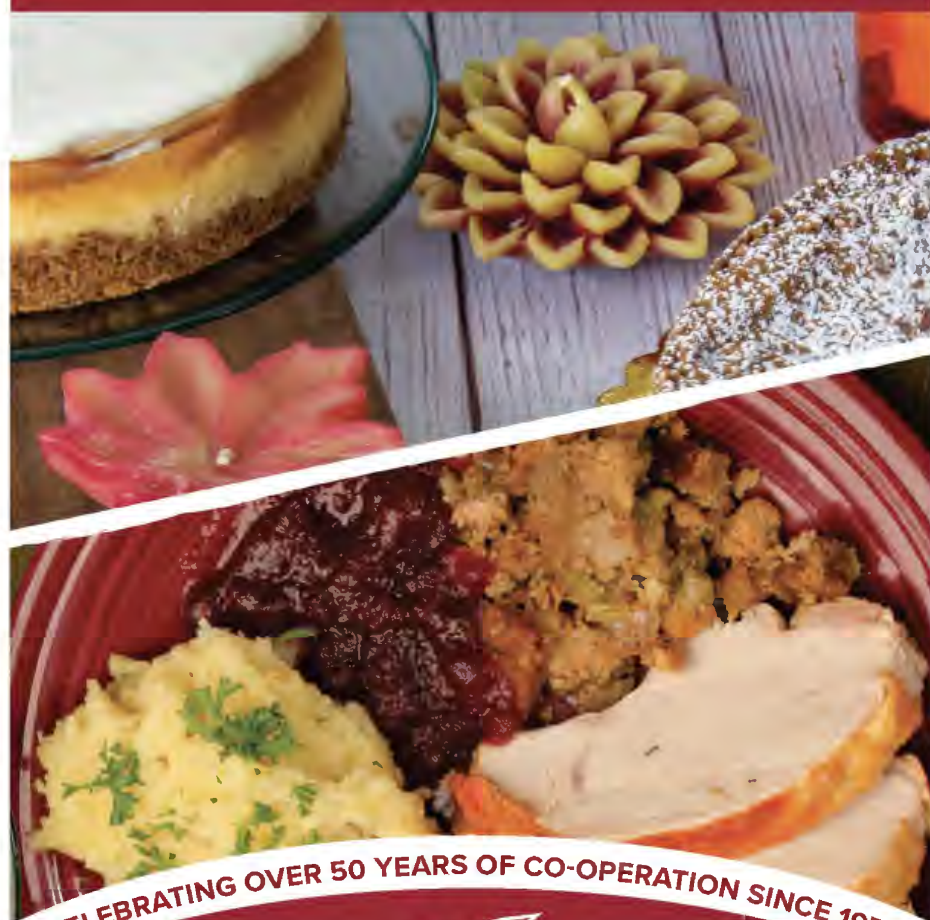
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VENUE	THURS 12/11	FRI 12/12	SAT 12/13	SUN 12/14	M-T-W 12/15-12/17
ARCATA PLAYHOUSE 1251 Ninth St. (707) 822-1575	<i>The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure</i> (theater) 7 p.m. \$15, \$10 kids, \$40 family		<i>The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure</i> (theater) 7 p.m. \$15, \$10 kids, \$40 family	<i>The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure</i> (theater) 7 p.m. \$15, \$10 kids, \$40 family	[M] <i>Yes Jesters! Cabaret & Supper</i> w/James Zeller, Katie Belknap 6:30 p.m. \$5-\$20 sliding
ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220		Fuego (reggaeton, Cumbia, global) 9 p.m. \$15		<i>It's A Wonderful Life</i> (1946) (film) 5-8 p.m. \$8, \$12 w/poster	[W] <i>Sci-Fi Night: Santa Claus Conquers The Martians</i> (1964) 6-9 p.m. \$6, \$10 w/poster
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	A Claire Bent Jazz Quintet Holiday 8 p.m. \$5	Flashback Friday – 2000s Edition w/DJs Anya Slayer, Zero One 9 p.m. \$5, \$10 after 10 p.m.	The Red Room w/DJs Satanica, KreePeeo, Datura Prime 9 p.m. \$5, \$10 after 10 p.m.	Karaoke Party 7-11 p.m. Free	
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644	Thirsty Bear: Karaoke 8 p.m.	Thirsty Bear: Almost Dangerous (party rock) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: DJ Statik R&B vibes) 9 p.m. Free		
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770		Wave: Latin Night w/DJ Pachanguero 9 p.m. Free	Wave: Erica Rochel (country rock) 9 p.m. Free		[M] Wave: Treat Yourself Karaoke 9 p.m. Free
CAFE MOKKA 495 J St., Arcata (707) 822-2228			Chubritza (trad. Eastern European) 7-10 p.m. Free		
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free	Matthew Wallace and the Flying Saucers (cosmic Southern rock) 9 p.m. Free		[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m.
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Dance Party with DJ Josh Def3nder 6-10 p.m. \$5 after 7 p.m.			Open Mic Night 6:30 p.m.	[M] Open Mic for Musicians 7 p.m. Free, Pete's Projecting Again! 8:30-10 p.m. \$5, [T] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. \$10, [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free
DOUBLE D STEAK & SEAFOOD 320 Main St., Fortuna (707) 725-3700	Buck Bonne's Krazy Karaoke 6-9 p.m. Free				
THE EUREKA THEATER 612 F St. (707) 442-2970			<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> (1946) (film) 7-9:30 p.m. \$10, \$5		
FROTH 420 California Ave., Arcata (707) 630-3269					[M] Paranormal Open Mic Night 8 p.m. Free, [T] Open Mic 6-9 p.m. Free, [W] Karaoke Night 7-10 p.m. Free
HAVANA ARCATA 780 Seventh St. (707) 826-0860	DJ Papichulo 9 p.m. Free				
THE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611			Mojo Rockers (blues, classic rock, funk) 8 p.m. Free		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
THE HISTORIC EAGLE HOUSE 139 Second St., Eureka (707) 444-3344					[T] Blues Fusion Dance 7-9 p.m. \$5-\$15, no one turned away, [W] Holiday Karaoke 6-9 p.m. donation for Food for People, Humboldt Animal Rescue Team or Toys for Tots
HUMBOLDT BAY SOCIAL CLUB 900 New Navy Base Rd., (707) 834-6555					[W] Karaoke Night 6-10 p.m. Free
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739		Turtle's Feast ft. Barry "The Fish" Melton, Greg Douglass and Roy Blumenfeld 7 p.m. \$20, \$100 VIP dinner	The Miracle Show (Grateful Dead) 9 p.m. \$10		[W] Pool tournament 6:30 p.m. \$10

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LIL' RED LION COCKTAIL LOUNGE 1506 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 444-1344	"It's A Beautiful Thing" Open Jam (bring band or sit in) 9-11:30 p.m. Free				
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake (707) 668-5000	Blues Amigos 4-6 p.m., Phoenix Halling 9-11 p.m. Free	Jazz Bros 4-6 p.m., Jesse Mills Band 9-11 p.m.	Frogbite 9-11 p.m.		[T] Trivia Tuesday and Holiday Cookie Exchange 6-8 p.m., [W] Karaoke 7-11 p.m.
MINIPLEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	G.O.A.T. Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum purchase		Karaoke en Español: A Benefit for Centro del Pueblo 8:30 p.m. \$5-\$10 donation	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum purchase	
OCEAN GROVE COCKTAIL LOUNGE 480 Patrick's Pt Dr., Trinidad (707) 677-3543					[M] Rudelion DanceHall Mondayz (reggae, dancehall, soca) 8 p.m. \$5
THE OLD STEEPLE 246 Berding St., Ferndale (707) 786-7030		Huckleberry Flint Winter Show 7:30 p.m. \$35	Huckleberry Flint Winter Show 7:30 p.m. \$35		
PASKENTA MAD RIVER BREWING 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-4151		Adam Hurley 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free	A Banjo Makes 3 5:30-8 p.m. Free		
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SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	Metal Thursday 7-11 p.m. \$5	Jon Alcabes (stand-up comedy) 8-10 p.m. \$10	The Secret Society of Silly Things #18 7-9 p.m. \$10. TRVE KVL 8-10 p.m. \$5		[T] Savage Henryoke 8-10 p.m. Free, [W] Comedy Open Mikey 8-10 p.m. Free
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244	Anna & the Situation (blues rock) 7-10 p.m. Free	Friday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 8-11 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 8-11 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz w/The Opera Alley Cats 7-10 p.m. Free
VISTA DEL MAR 91 Commercial St., Eureka (707) 443-3770	Treat Yourself Entertainment Karaoke 9 p.m.-midnight Free				
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Santa's Boat Parade. Submitted

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It's a Wonderful Life

Gather your friends and family to share Frank Capra's masterpiece on the big screen when the Eureka Theater presents **Holiday Essential Cinema: It's a Wonderful Life (1946)** on **Saturday, Dec. 13**, from **7 to 9:30 p.m.** (\$10, \$5). George Bailey's dreams may have seemed dashed and his life meaningless until an angel named Clarence opens his eyes to the extraordinary beauty hidden in the ordinary life he's lived. Missed last night's showing due to your spouse's office party? No problem. Like George Bailey, you get a second chance. Catch **It's a Wonderful Life** on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, from **5 to 8 p.m.** at **Arcata Theatre Lounge** for another big-screen showing of the classic. Pre-show is at 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. (\$8, \$12 w/poster).



Snowflake Queen. Submitted

Ring in the holidays on the Arcata Plaza with an evening of classic small-town cheer during the **Season of Wonder and Light Celebration** on **Friday, Dec. 12**, from **5 to 7 p.m.** (free). The festive night offers photos with Santa and the Snowflake Queen, rides in a horse-drawn carriage and musical and dance performances filling the square with sparkle. Warm up with hot drinks as the lights come on and the season officially begins. Then return on **Sunday, Dec. 14**, at **4:30 p.m.** to take part in the **Menorah Lighting on the Plaza**, honoring the Festival of Lights (free).

11 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

LECTURE

ERFSA Luncheon Lecture: Amy Uyeki & Vicki Ozaki. 12-1 p.m. Baywood Golf & Country Club, 3600 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata. The Humboldt Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity (HAPI) members present "Under One Umbrella: Building and Empowering the Community of Humboldt's Asian & Pacific Islanders." One focus will be the Eureka Chinatown Project. Free. kwl@humboldt.edu. humboldt.edu/emeritus-and-retired-faculty. (530) 601-1032.

THEATER

The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. The Playhouse Holiday Pantomime presents songs, quests and audience participation on a D&D-inspired adventure. \$15, \$10 kids, \$40 family. info@playhousearts.org. playhousearts.org/. (707) 822-1575.

Yet Another Non-Profit Christmas Carol. 6 p.m. Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake. Longshadr Productions presents a fast-paced farce for the season, written by Michael Fields and directed by Roman Sanchez. A theater's board meeting adapts Dickens while trapped by weather. \$20, \$16 students.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sparkling Lights Spectacular. 6-9 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. Twice the length of last year's attraction. Enjoy both driving and

walking tours through a dazzling showcase of lights. Closed for Thanksgiving. humboldtcountyfair.org/.

Ugly Sweater Contest & Party. 7-9 p.m. Sitka Wine Lounge, 475 Main St., Ferndale. Win a prize with your ugliest holiday sweater. Contest categories: Beyond Ugly, Humboldtiest, Best DIY, People's Choice. Ages 21+. Benefits Food for People. \$5 contest entry fee. sitkawine.com.

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. Skating fun for all ages on real ice. Through Jan. 11. For more information, visit humboldtcountyfair.org. humboldtcountyfair.org/.

MEETINGS

Toastmasters (Public Speaking Practice). 12-1 p.m. Adorni Recreation Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka. Watch or join in simple, guided activities that build clear speaking, active listening and quick thinking. Expect short talks, supportive feedback and lots of encouragement. New speakers welcome. Free. ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/recreation/adorni_center.asp.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Second Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. Monthly league nights are open to all ages and skill levels. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Games at 6 p.m. Different format each week. Bags are available to borrow. Drinks available at the Canteen. Outside food OK. \$15. mike@buffaloboard.com.

12 Friday

ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. Hosted by Joyce Jonté. \$10, cash or Venmo.

DANCE

Choreography Showcase at Cal Poly Humboldt. 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Directed by Haylee Wolff and Linda Maxwell, Choreography Showcase is a culmination of the work of dance majors and minors in their second semester of the program's choreography two-class sequence. \$10, \$8 children, free for Cal Poly Humboldt students w/ID. dance@humboldt.edu.

MUSIC

Huckleberry Flint Winter Show. 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. Indie folk rock. \$35.

University Singers and Humboldt Choral. 7:30 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Led by choral director Rachel Samet, the RISE concert encapsulates literal, emotional and social rising. \$15, \$5 child, free for CPH students w/ID.

THEATER

The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure. 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. See Dec. 11 listing.

The Wizard of Oz. 7:30 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. Stage adaptation of L. Frank Baum's beloved tale of the magical Land of Oz, featuring the movie's musical score. All ages. \$22, \$20 senior/student/child. ferndalerep.org/.

Yet Another Non-Profit Christmas Carol. 6 p.m. Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake. See Dec. 11 listing.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the plan-

etarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

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Fortuna Al Gray Lighted Parade. 6 p.m. Fortuna Main Street and Downtown, Main Street. The lighted parade route travels Main Street downtown and Fortuna Boulevard. fortunachamber.com. (707) 725-3959.

Holiday Revue and Sing-Along. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Holiday songs from touching to hysterical, performed by Redwood Curtain Theatre favorites including Nanette Voss, Craig Benson, Evan Needham, Caroline Needham, Christina Jioras, Jo Kuzelka and Abi Camerino. Musicians Justin Ross, Matt Estabrook and Matt Jioras-Rebik provide accompaniment. \$20. redwoodcurtain.com.

Last Christmas Tree Season. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ben Hurd's Christmas Tree Farm, 447 Hilton Lane, Arcata. Ben's Bunch hosts a final season for Christmas trees, benefiting Hospice of Humboldt. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069392124783.

Season of Wonder and Light Celebration. 5-7 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. A celebration on the plaza featuring pictures with Santa and the Snowflake Queen, a horse-drawn carriage, musical and dance performances.

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every month, 6-8 p.m. Richards' Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. brightand-greenhumboldt@gmail.com. richardsgoat.com. (925) 214-8099.

Parkinson Support Group. Second Friday of every month, 3-4 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church Eureka, 3230 Harrison Ave. A gathering where individuals with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers can find insights and connect with others facing similar challenges. Free. humboldtparkinsons.com. (707) 298-9972.

ETC

Giving the Gift of Warmth. 4-6 p.m. Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. Donate new winter essentials: beanies, gloves, socks, underwear, sweatshirts and other cozy basics to help neighbors stay safe and warm this winter. Drop off between 4-6 p.m. eurekawomanclub.org.

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. Roll over to the Fireman's Pavilion in Rohner Park. Public Skate sessions may close early if there is no one in attendance. \$5.50 ages 6 and older, \$3.50 ages 5 and younger, bring skates for a \$0.50 off (rules online), \$2 non-skater minor. friendlyfortuna.com/departments/parks_recreation.

13 Saturday

ART

Fire Arts Holiday Pottery and Fused Glass Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. Browse work by members, students and community artists, and support local art. director@fireartsarcata.com. fireartsarcata.com. (707) 826-1445.

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. Second Saturday of every month, 2-4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. A monthly event featuring hands-on art projects and activities for youth and families inspired by current exhibitions. Create mixed media compositions inspired by Carol Andersen, Laura Corgiglia, Peggy Rivers and Van Shields. humboldtarts.org.

BOOKS

Sean's Shadows' the Magic Measuring Cup: A Family Literacy Party. 3-4 p.m. McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road. Artist, musician and storyteller Sean Powers presents tales of folklore and fantasy using handcrafted shadow puppets and musical instruments from around the world. For children and the adults who love them. Attendees choose their own free book to keep. Free. rickerhlp@gmail.com. humlib.org. (707) 445-3655.

DANCE

Choreography Showcase at Cal Poly Humboldt. 7 p.m. Van Duzer Theatre, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 12 listing.

MOVIES

Holiday Essential Cinema: It's a Wonderful Life. 7-9:30 p.m. Eureka Theater, 612 F St. Watch the Frank Capra holiday classic with friends, family and community. \$10, \$5. info@theeurekatheater.com. www.facebook.com/events/884375487569021.

MUSIC

Cal Poly Humboldt Jazz Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Tunes from the heyday of jazz and big band to contemporary pieces. Special tribute to jazz drum legend Jack DeJohnette. \$15, \$5 for children, free for Humboldt students with ID.

Huckleberry Flint Winter Show. 7:30 p.m. The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale. See Dec. 12 listing.

THEATER

The Dungeon, The Dragon, and the Wizard of Doom: A D&D Holiday Show Adventure. 2 & 7 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. See Dec. 11 listing.

The Wizard of Oz. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 12 listing.

Yet Another Non-Profit Christmas Carol. 6 p.m. Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake. See Dec. 11 listing.

EVENTS

Mitote at the Dunes. 3-6 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. A bilingual (Spanish) family-friendly event that features a cultural dance offering by Danza Azteca-Mexica club of Cal Poly Humboldt, showcasing traditional dance and

honoring Indigenous heritage. Enjoy food, participate in activities and hands-on crafts for all ages. Free.

Night at the Museum. 6-9 p.m. Ferndale Museum, 515 Shaw Ave. Join the Ferndale Museum for a fun get-together featuring live music, refreshments and a scavenger hunt. \$10 suggested donation.

FOOD

Arcata Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Year round, offering fresh produce, meat, fish, cheese, eggs, bread, flowers and

more. Live music and hot food vendors. No pets, but trained, ADA-certified, service animals welcome. Cal-Fresh EBT customers receive a market match at every farmers market. info@northcoastgrowersassociation.org. northcoastgrowersassociation.org. (707) 441-9999.

Music and Makers - McKinleyville Location. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Eureka Natural Foods, McKinleyville, 2165 Central Ave. Live music, samples/demos, pint specials. Free. marketing@eurekanaturalfoods.com.

Music and Makers - Eureka Location. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Eureka Natural Foods, 1450 Broadway. Live music, samples/demos, pint specials. Free. marketing@eurekanaturalfoods.com. eurekanaturalfoods.com.

Community Pancake Breakfast. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Salvation Army, 2123 Tydd St., Eureka. Fundraiser to benefit the local community. Pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee. \$8, children/seniors \$5. stephanie.wonnacott@usw.salvationarmy.org. (707) 442-6475.

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Sparkling Lights Spectacular. 6-9 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

Annual Arcata Holiday Craft Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Browse handcrafted gifts from more than 55 artisans while enjoying food and live music. Benefits Arcata Recreation Division’s Youth Development Scholarship Fund. \$2. rec@cityofarcata.org. [facebook.com/events/4175186402794715/](https://www.facebook.com/events/4175186402794715/). (707) 822-7091.

Annual Drive-thru Live Nativity. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fortuna Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2301 Rohnerville Road. Still-life actors and audio narration bring color and dimension to this timeless story. Rain or shine. Free. (707) 671-5156.

Trucker’s Christmas Parade. 6 p.m. City of Eureka, Humboldt County. The annual event starts at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, heads down Harris Street to I Street and Myrtle Avenue before returning to Redwood Acres. [rexandfriendstruckersparade.com](http://www.rexandfriendstruckersparade.com).

Holiday Revue and Sing-Along. 8 p.m. 5th and D Street Theater, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See Dec. 12 listing.

Last Christmas Tree Season. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ben Hurd’s Christmas Tree Farm, 447 Hilton Lane, Arcata. See Dec. 12 listing.

Loleta Holiday Market. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Loleta Fireman’s Pavilion, Old Loleta Road. Food, vendors, arts and crafts. donation to benefit Loleta Volunteer Fire Dept.

Vintage Holiday Boutique. 12-7 p.m. Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens, 1000 F St., Eureka. Discover Christmas trees, vintage collectibles, gourmet gifts and seasonal treats throughout the Victorian cottage, then stop by the Holiday Tent for a festive drink and appetizer plate. eurekaheritagesociety@gmail.com. eurekaheritage.org. (707) 445-8775.

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. This month is a holiday sharing session and 2026 topic selection meeting. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes early. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

FOAM Marsh Tour. 2 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Meet leader Ren Bunce at 2 p.m. in the lobby for a 90-minute, rain-or-shine walk sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh. Learn the history of the area and the wastewater treatment plant, plus identify plants and birds. Free. (707) 826-2359.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing inva-

sive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

Invasive Plant Removal Workday. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Help Friends of the Arcata Marsh combat invasive Himalayan blackberry. Tools, gloves and snacks provided. Wear long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Rain or shine. Free. info@arcatamarshfriends.org. (626) 644-7593.

Sequoia Park Ivy League. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sequoia Park, 3414 W St., Eureka. Drop in to help eradicate invasive ivy. Meet at the Glatt St. Fountain at Glatt and T streets. All supplies and training provided. This event is kid-friendly but kids need to be accompanied and managed by their guardian/s. Free. hatwood@eureka-ca.gov. [facebook.com/events/1207060277845142/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1207060277845142/). (707) 441-4218.

SPORTS

Fortuna Recreational Volleyball. 10 a.m.-noon. Fortuna High School, 379 12th St. Ages 45 and up. Call Dolly. In the Girls Gym. (707) 725-3709.

ETC

The Bike Library. 12-4 p.m. The Bike Library, 1286 L St., Arcata. Hands-on repair lessons and general maintenance, used bicycles and parts for sale. Donations of parts and bicycles gladly accepted. arcatabikelibrary@riseup.net.

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Dec. 12 listing.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday Canteen. 3-9 p.m. Redwood Empire VFW Post 1872, 1018 H St., Eureka. Enjoy a cold beverage in the canteen with comrades. Play pool or darts. If you’re a veteran, this place is for you. Free. PearceHansen999@outlook.com. (707) 443-5331.

14 Sunday ART

Fire Arts Holiday Pottery and Fused Glass Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. See Dec. 13 listing.

MOVIES

It’s A Wonderful Life (1946). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 5 p.m. Movie at 6 p.m. A holiday favorite for generations. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. www.facebook.com/events/1350470636869462. 707-613-3030.

MUSIC

Let There be Joy with HLOC’s Babes and Guys Choir. 7-8:30 p.m. New Heart Community Church, 1490 Murray Road, McKinleyville. Join HLOC for a festive Christmas concert featuring both the “Babes” and “Guys” choirs. Donations welcome. info@hloc.org. hloc.org. (707) 630-5013.

Mariachi de Humboldt. 7:30 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Directed by Jennifer Trowbridge, Mariachi de Humboldt performs some of their favorite rancheras and sones, including “Dos Arbolitos” and “Volver, Volver”. \$15, \$5 child, Free for Cal Poly Humboldt students w/ID.

McKinleyville Community Choir. 3 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Add some joyful music to your holiday season. Free, donations welcome.

Advent Organ Concert. 3-4 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. David Schofield, organist. Program features traditional Advent music as well as contemporary compositions including a piece by the artist. Members of the Christ Church Choir will also be featured. free, donations welcome. christchurch-eureka@gmail.com. (707) 442-1797.

Sweet Harmony. 4-5:30 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Women singing four-part harmony a capella. Now welcoming new members with all levels of experience. /. (707) 845-1959.

University Singers and Humboldt Chorale. 2 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 12 listing.

McKinleyville Community Choir Winter/Holiday Season Concert. 3-5 p.m. Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. The McKinleyville Choir sings new and familiar musical pieces, including “I Wonder as I Wander,” “Bonse Aba” and “Muppet’s Christmas Medley. “ Goodies available. Free, donations welcomed.

THEATER

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The Wizard of Oz. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 12 listing.

Yet Another Non-Profit Christmas Carol. 6 p.m. Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake. See Dec. 11 listing.

EVENTS

Dog Party at Hounds of Humboldt. 12-3 p.m. Hounds of Humboldt, 148 South G Street, Arcata. Those who bought a crowdfunding package can pick it up at the event. Enjoy Geo’s Pizza and visit tables by Humboldt Spay, Two Rivers Pet and Wildlife Welfare Services, Pine Hill Pet Care, and Hucks Humboldt Hotties. houndsofhumboldt@gmail.com. www.houndsofhumboldt.com.

To Remember Our Children. 5:45-8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Eureka, 819 15th St. Join with others across the globe to honor the memories of children, brothers, sisters and grandchildren who left too soon. The theme “... that their light may always shine.” Music, readings, speaker John Gai and candle-lighting ceremony. annebwade@gmail.com. (415) 244-7199.

FOR KIDS

Lacrosse Clinic for Kids. 1-3 p.m. CPH Student Recreation Center, 1 Harpst St., Arcata. Join the Cal Poly Humboldt Lacrosse Club for a clinic for boys and girls (ages 6-16) of all skill levels. No experience is necessary, all equipment provided. Registration required. Free. avs1@humboldt.edu. humboldtlacrosse.org/news/. (707) 798-0951.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

GARDEN

Volunteer Workday. 10 a.m.-noon. Trinidad Museum, 400 Janis Court. Help maintain the Native Plant Garden located behind the Museum and Library. Serious rain cancels.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holidays in Trinidad. 6 p.m. Trinidad, Downtown. The Trinidad Civic Club sponsors three days of celebration

with events at Town Hall and the harbor. See calendar for more details.

Sparkling Lights Spectacular. 6-9 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

Santa’s Boat Parade. 6 p.m. Trinidad, Downtown. Decorated boats and marching bands line up at 5 p.m. at the harbor, follow the main road driving twice through town. Enjoy an animated Christmas tree light display on the tennis court fence and the Trinidad School Carolers. Rain or shine. Free.

Annual Arcata Holiday Craft Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 13 listing.

Annual Drive-thru Live Nativity. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fortuna Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2301 Rohnerville Road. See Dec. 13 listing.

Fortuna Christmas Music Festival. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Holiday music all day long by various schools and organizations. Stop by any time. Refreshments and baked goods available for sale. Free.

The Gnome Adventure. 4-8 p.m. Blue Lake Roller Rink, 312 S. Railroad St. An enchanting miniature wonderland. \$5. jharmony@coastalgrovecharter.org. (707) 825-8804 ex. 311.

Last Christmas Tree Season. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Ben Hurd’s Christmas Tree Farm, 447 Hilton Lane, Arcata. See Dec. 12 listing.

Loleta Holiday Market. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Loleta Fireman’s Pavilion, Old Loleta Road. See Dec. 13 listing.

Menorah Lighting on the Plaza. 4:30 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets.

Vintage Holiday Boutique. 12-7 p.m. Annie B. Ryan House and Gardens, 1000 F St., Eureka. See Dec. 13 listing.

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MEETINGS

Urantia Book Discussion. Second Sunday of every month. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Delving into the deeper meanings of life and navigating through the complexities.

ETC

Humboldt Flea Market. Second Sunday of every month, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. New location. Browse antiques, collectibles, tools, records, clothes, crafts, pies, jams and more. \$3, free for kids under 13. [facebook.com/p/Humboldt-Flea-Market-Arcata-100084870727783/](https://www.facebook.com/p/Humboldt-Flea-Market-Arcata-100084870727783/).

Public Skate. 1:30-4:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Dec. 12 listing.

Redwood Flea Market. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Local vendors sell a wide mix of goods, from vintage clothing and antiques to tools, home décor, collectibles and everyday necessities. \$3, free for ages 12 and under. redwoodfleacontact@gmail.com. redwoodfleamarket.com. (707) 267-5755.

15 Monday ART

Life Drawing Sessions. 6-8 p.m. Redwood Art Association Gallery, 603 F St., Eureka. See Dec. 12 listing.

MUSIC

UFC of Humboldt. Third Monday of every month, 6-8 p.m. HLOC's Space, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata. Bring a ukulele and join the fun. Check the calendar online for cancelations or additional events. All levels welcome. \$3 suggested donation. ukulelisarae@gmail.com. ukulelefightclubofhumboldt.com.

SPOKEN WORD

Redwood Stories. 4 p.m. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Uplifting, firsthand-stories shared by Redwood Parks Conservancy staff, volunteers and individuals whose lives have been touched by the redwoods. People from all over the world are encouraged to join, listen, and share their unique connections to the redwoods. On Zoom. RSVP to <https://bit.ly/redwood-stories> for online event link.

FOOD

Dinner and Bingo. Third Monday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Van Duzen River Grange, 5250 State Route 36, Carlotta. Enjoy a family-friendly dinner (menu changes monthly), then test your luck with bingo. All ages. \$10 dinner, \$10 for 10 bingo cards. vanduzengrange@gmail.com. instagram.com/vanduzengrange. (707) 296-4161.

Harvest Box Deliveries. Multi-farm-style CSA boxes with a variety of seasonal fruits and veggies, all GMO-free and grown locally. Serving Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville, Trinidad and Blue Lake. \$25/box, \$13 for EBT customers. northcoastgrowersassociation.org/harvestbox.html.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Gnome Adventure. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Blue Lake Roller Rink, 312 S. Railroad St. See Dec. 14 listing.

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

ETC

Homeshaaring Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of home-share partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshaaring@alaa.org. alaa.org/homeshaaring. (707) 442-3763.

16 Tuesday

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

Writers Group. Third Tuesday of every month, 12:30-2 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. Writers share all types of writing and get assistance from one another. Drop-ins welcome. Not faith based. Free.

ETC

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Internet, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. english-expressempowered.com. (707) 443-5021.

17 Wednesday

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: Santa Claus Conquers the Martians (1964). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show 6 p.m. Raffle 6:45 p.m. Main feature 7 p.m. Martians who fear Earth TV has ruined the kids make an expedition to Earth. \$6, \$10 w/poster. info@arcata-theatre.com. facebook.com/events/1121944483469910. (707) 613-3030.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sparkling Lights Spectacular. 6-9 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

MEETINGS

Mother's Support Circle. Third Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m.-noon. The Ink People Center for the Arts, 627 Third St., Eureka. Mother's Village circle for mothers with a meal and childcare. \$15 to attend, \$10 childcare, sliding scale spots available. (707) 633-3143.

ETC

Grief Support Services in Spanish. Third Wednesday of every month, 5-6:30 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3000 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. A safe and welcoming space for Spanish-speaking individuals to process loss, connect with others, and receive compassionate support. *Este grupo está abierto para todas las personas en la comunidad que habla español, que estén pasando por la pérdida de un ser querido.* glccenter.org.

18 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Dec. 11 listing.

SPOKEN WORD

Reworded Open Mic Night. Third Thursday of every month, 5-8 p.m. Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge, 139 Second St., Eureka. Poetry workshop at 5 p.m. Open mic from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. events@histroiceaglehouse.com. historiceaglehouse.com. (707) 444-3344.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sparkling Lights Spectacular. 6-9 p.m. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 Fifth St., Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

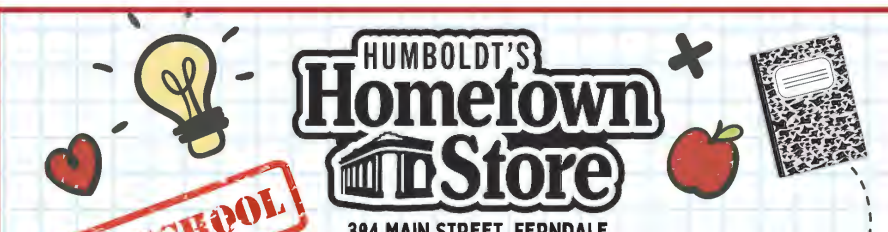
Winter Fair Ice Skating Rink. 2026. Belotti Hall, 1250 Fifth St., Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Ferndale. See Dec. 11 listing.

MEETINGS

Free Spanish/English Language Exchange. 4:30-5:15 p.m. College of the Redwoods (Eureka Downtown site), 527 D St. Improve your Spanish and English language skills while meeting new people. Mejorar tus conocimientos de inglés mientras conoces gente nueva. Free. jonathan-maiullo@redwoods.edu. www.instagram.com/crmultilingual/. 707-476-4527.

SPORTS

Lost Coast Cornhole League Night. Third Thursday of every month, 6-10 p.m. Fortuna Veterans Hall/Memorial Building, 1426 Main St. See Dec. 11 listing.



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Six of the seven children of the Titan Atlas and the sea-nymph Pleione are immortalized in the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, star cluster. (The seventh, Sterope, is out of the frame.) The blue nebulosity is dust reflecting blue light from the stars. This is a nearly two-hour exposure in 700 frames, automatically “stacked” by Seestar S50 telescope. Photo by Barry Evans

Atlas and Pleione’s Kids: The Pleiades

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I’ve written about the Pleiades star cluster before (“Orion and the Pleiades,” Jan. 12, 2023), in which I focused on the ancient Greek myth of the hunter Orion endlessly pursuing Mom, Dad and seven sisters across the night sky. Here, I’m going to focus on the stars themselves, and what makes them so interesting to amateur and professional astronomers alike.

Perhaps they’re not quite as well known today as they were to the ancients, thanks to the dearth of dark skies these days — although the recent county ordinance is a step in the right direction (“Protecting the Night,” Oct. 16). I took the accompanying photo from near Schoolhouse Peak in Redwood National Park, an official “dark sky” area, on a particularly clear night last October. Still, because the Pleiades are quite bright (“apparent magnitude” 1.6), they can usually be seen even from urban locations on cloudless nights.

They’re comparatively close, a mere 444 light years away, so the light we see has been traveling since just before Christopher Columbus sailed to the “New World.” Although most people can only make out about six individual stars — up to 14 if you have the eyes of a hawk — the cluster actually contains over 1,000 stars. The brightest are hot blue stars that formed about 100 million years ago, youngsters by star-age.

As such, they’re intriguing to astronomers who would like to nail down the ex-

act process by which stars form in the first place. Most stars, including those in the Pleiades cluster, develop as part of a group in a “stellar nursery” where dense molecular clouds collapse due to their mutual gravitational attraction. The pressure at the core becomes so great that hydrogen nuclei fuse, causing the stars to “turn on.” Because the Pleiades are so close, it’s easy to investigate them in detail, something astronomers have been doing for the past century.

The lovely blue “clouds” of nebulosity in my photo were once thought to be leftover dust from the stars’ formation. This now appears unlikely, since 100 million years is more than enough time for radiation pressure to have dispelled any such dust. More likely, what we’re seeing is interstellar dust (that just happens to be passing through the cluster) reflecting light from the brightest of the Pleiades.

The Pleiades are easy to find, especially in winter. Trace a line up and to the right of Orion’s Belt, past bright orange Aldebaran, and you’ll see them as a misty cluster of stars. Do check them out with binoculars!



Barry Evans (he/him, barryevans9@yahoo.com, planethumboldt.substack.com) wants you to know that *The New Humbook* (perfect Christmas present!) is on sale at local bookstores and gift shops.

Alone at the Movies

Netflix, *Jay Kelly* and *Train Dreams*

By John J. Bennett

screens@northcoastjournal.com

In the long-ago of my youth, I would often defend my pessimism as realism; I didn't actually know much about the world. Ever a contrarian, though, as I have aged and hopefully wised up, I find my reactionary nature producing some strain of homuncule optimism, born perhaps of an inchoate urge to help. Still mired in the probable hopelessness of our global predicament, I guess I try to find wins where I can.

This is all (somewhat) germane to the conversation at hand because a big company bought out another big company. More specifically, as most will likely already be aware, Netflix has set upon and devoured what's left of the once-towering Warner's imprint, including the properties of HBO and its subsidiaries. It's a rich-get-richer situation — and more of the same, on that front — but it has raised the ire of cinephiles because, as Netflix Pluto-crut-in-Chief Ted Sarandos has affirmed, it could well be another nail in the coffin of the collective movie-going experience as we have known it.

One of my dear friends, whose intellect and integrity I find (mostly) unassailable, but who, by his own admission, can also be a bitchy old bastard, was the first of my intimates to sound the alarm. This prompted a brief, spirited exchange about the precipitously shifting identity of movie fandom (don't like that word but it fits), the dwindling of the universality of the theater-going and, most pointedly, an impasse about the value and importance of the collective experience of the cinema.

What that (text-based) conversation reinforced for me, which I failed to address *in situ*, is that I love movies themselves more than I love going to the movies. This is not an apology for corporate centralization or the further micro-segmentation of interests, but it really is the medium itself, rather than the means by which I take it in, that has long been so life-giving. To be crass and current, a lot of movie houses are more dive-bar than palace these days and, while rep theaters are going great guns in the more densely populated zones, attendance out here in the perimeter is generally scant. I hate to agree with Sarandos, but the audience does seem

to have spoken; whether he created the exodus is a conversation for another forum.

I don't watch movies on my phone, except in times of duress, being hypocritically faithful to the vision of the artist. On the other hand, though, I grew up watching and learning about movies through butchered, pan-and-scan VHS versions at a rate of probably 10 to one versus theatrical ones, so I didn't exactly experience *Lawrence of Arabia* (1962) as it was intended to be seen.

Part of me can't help but fall back to the position that Netflix, for all its corporate evils, does seem to be in the business of bringing more movies to more people. The machinery of theatrical distribution has, of late, proven to be rusty on its best day, completely unadaptable to changing preferences on its worst. While I'm still eager to see *Kill Bill: The Whole Bloody Affair* on a big screen, I am also grateful that I have ready access to more modestly sized but equally artful offerings like the two described below.

JAY KELLY is very much a white-man-of-a-certain-age project, about its titular movie star, played by George Clooney, living through a self-induced *A Christmas Carol*-style re-evaluation of his entire adult life. Kelly is still thriving professionally in his middle-60s, but the real stuff of life remains distant, maybe irreparable in some cases, unattainable in others.

On an ill-advised trip to Europe with his rapidly dwindling entourage, our lonely star walks through some of the formative moments of his career and parenthood in a beautifully photographed, tragi-comic examination of a life lived, choices made.

As far as old-school movie stars go, Clooney is about as good at the handsome hangdog thing as anybody, and here he has preeminent hilarious sad-sack Adam Sandler as his foil/long-suffering manager and friend.

It's a refined, well-observed melodrama



How I feel knowing the difference between a Noble and a Douglas Fir at the Christmas tree lot.

Train Dreams

from Noah Baumbach (co-written with Emily Mortimer), as funny as it is poignant. R. 132M. NETFLIX.

TRAIN DREAMS was rather quietly released a couple of weeks ago. Adapted by the makers of *Sing Sing* (2023) from Denis Johnson's novella, it describes the life of an Idaho logger in the early 20th century. He, Robert Grainier (Joel Edgerton), dogged by tragedy and the spectre of death, remains somehow thoughtful, kindly and curious, if almost entirely alone.

And, really, that's about the arc of it. But *Train Dreams* is mesmeric in its tone and pace, gorgeously photographed, reverent of the wonders of its world and shocked at the horrors of which it is capable.

It's about as earnest as they come, but there isn't anything pandering or disingenuous about it. PG13. 102M. NETFLIX. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

ELLA MCCAY. Comedy-drama about a newly elected governor (Emma Mackey) with a complicated family. PG13. 115M. BROADWAY.

ETERNITY. A newly dead woman (Elizabeth Olsen) must choose between two loves (Miles Teller, Callum Turner) to spend the afterlife with. PG13. 114M. BROADWAY.

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2. Sequel to the Chuck E. Cheese-esque animatronic horror. PG13. 104M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (2000). Jim Carrey, mean in green. PG. 104M. BROADWAY.

JUJUTSU KAISEN EXECUTION. Anime action-adventure about supernatural chaos in Tokyo. R. 90M. BROADWAY.

KILL BILL: THE WHOLE BLOODY AFFAIR. The four-and-a-half-hour, three-part 2006 Quentin Tarantino epic starring Uma Thurman all at once. NR. 275M. BROADWAY.

THE LEMURIAN CANDIDATE. A trippy Mt. Shasta hike goes sideways in this psychedelic buddy comedy-drama with aliens. R. BROADWAY.

NOT WITHOUT HOPE. Nautical nightmare about buddies stranded at sea on a fishing trip. R. 119M. BROADWAY.

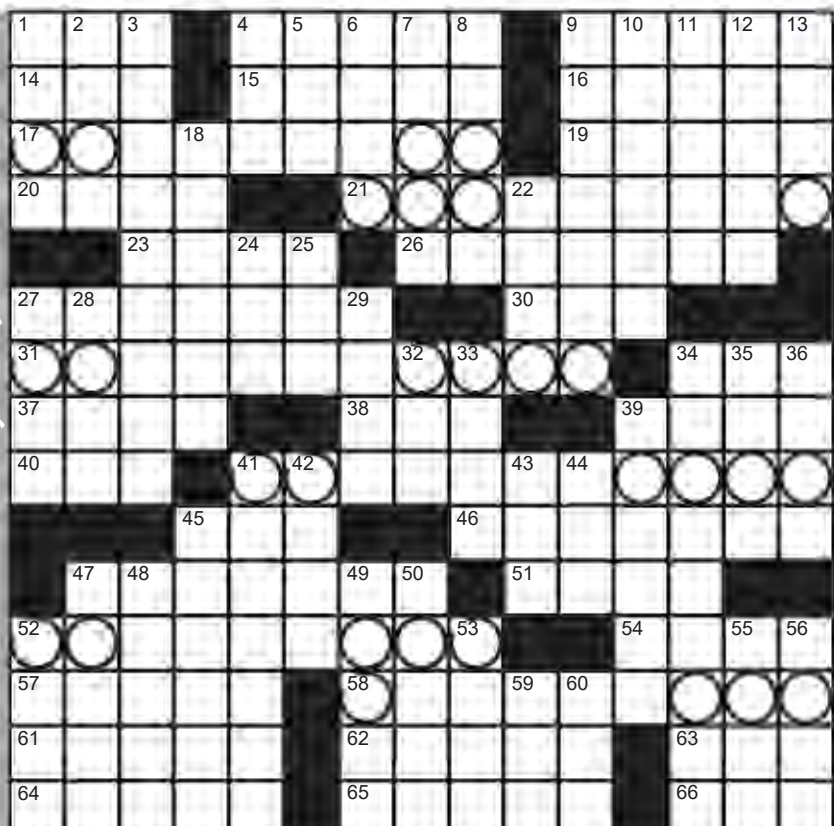
PREDATOR: BADLANDS. A runt alien hunter (Dimitrius Schuster-Kolomatangi) goes after the biggest game on a hostile planet, half a droid (Elle Fanning) in tow. PG13. 107M. BROADWAY.

SILENT NIGHT, DEADLY NIGHT. Seasonal scares with a psycho Santa. R. 95M. BROADWAY.

WICKED: FOR GOOD. Elphaba and Glinda reunite from opposite sides of the yellow brick tracks to save Oz in the sequel. PG. 137M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

ZOOTOPIA 2. Ginnifer Goodwin and Jason Bateman return to voice the rabbit and fox crimefighting duo in the animated comedy adventure. PG. 108M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

For showtimes, visit catheaters.com and minortheatre.com.



ALL IN ORDER

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

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ACROSS

1. Ludacris genre
4. Boorish ones
9. Cornfield birds
14. Old French gold coin
15. Couldn't avoid it
16. Like notebook paper
17. Adam Scott/Ken Marino comedy series about caterers
19. "RRR" setting
20. Resigned noise
21. Hotel professional
23. Yankee nickname beginning in 2004
26. Furnace feeders
27. Northernmost Oregon city
30. Wimbledon unit
31. Recognize from a picture, perhaps

34. It runs Down Under

37. Affected mannerisms
38. Night before
39. Quark's place
40. Secret agent
41. Place to repair a two-wheeler
45. Foot, in Latin
46. Melodic passages
47. Word after occupational or speech
51. Make over
52. Very perceptive
54. Get ____ the crack of dawn
57. Extremely
58. Persevere
61. "To reiterate ..."
62. Riverbank critter
63. "Educated Guess" singer DiFranco
64. Sagal of

DOWN

1. Agents
2. Palm berry
3. Middle ground
4. A little short
5. Wee fellow
6. What those with anosmia cannot detect
7. USAF stealth planes
8. "I was ____ prepared for this!"
9. Sachin Tendulkar's sport
10. Small creek
11. More advanced, in

- "Married... With Children"
65. Actress Davis of "The Babadook"
66. Abbr. stamped on a bounced check

- a way
12. Fish dams
13. Badlands Natl. Park site
18. Judo moves
22. Dance recklessly
24. Sphere
25. Crafty letters
27. Aliases, for short
28. Little cut
29. "Hey, wait ____!"
32. Dartmouth or Brown, e.g.
33. Hyperpop band 100 ____
34. Cuisine with doro wat and shekla tibs
35. Io, for one
36. Diamond officials
39. Paired together
41. Prepare
42. "Babette's Feast" author Dinesen
43. 8 1/2" x 11" paper

- size, briefly
44. "Able was I ____ I saw Elba"
45. "The Dick Van Dyke Show" surname
47. Arkansas River city
48. Try to swat
49. "Orange" tea
50. Chucks, slangily
52. Drink brand with a bunny mascot
53. Brooklyn team
55. Miller and Richards, for two
56. Pre-weekend sentiment
59. Louvre Pyramid architect
60. Test for college srs.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS ALL IN ORDER

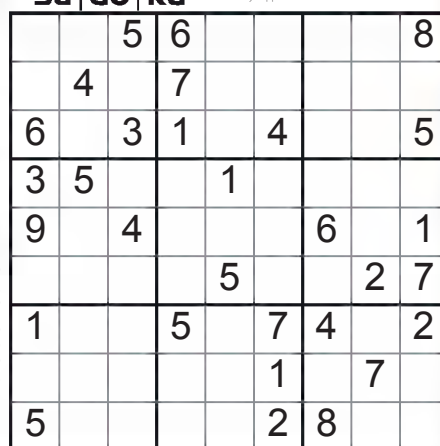


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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHARGE OF NAME

Jeana Marie Herbst Garrett
CASE NO. CV2502466
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF: Jeana Marie Herbst
Garrett
for a decree changing names as
follows:
Present name
Jeana Marie Herbst Garrett
to Proposed Name
Jeana Marie Herbst
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear
before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if
any, why the petition for change
of name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the name
changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the
reasons for the objection at least
two court days before the matter
is scheduled to be heard and must
appear at the hearing to show cause
why the petition should not be
granted. If no written objection is
timely filed, the court may grant the
petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 12, 2026
Time:8:30 am, Dept. 4
For information on how to appear
remotely for your hearing, please visit
https://www.humboldt.courts.
ca.gov/
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 13, 2025
Filed: November 14, 2025
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 (25-484)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**
Melvin McCormack
CASE NO. PR2500311
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors and persons
who may otherwise be interested in
the will or estate, or both, of
Melvin McCormack
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
filed by Petitioner, David McCormack
& Susan Martin
In the Superior Court of California,
County of Humboldt. The petition for
probate requests that David McCornack
& Susan Martin be appointed as
personal representative to administer
the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. The will and any
codicils are available for examination
in the file kept by the court.
A HEARING on the petition will be
held on January 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
at the Superior Court of California,
County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street,
Eureka, in Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear
remotely for your hearing, please visit
https://www.humboldt.courts.
ca.gov/
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the
petition, you should appear at the
hearing and state your objections or
file written objections with the court
before the hearing. Your appearance
may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contin-
gent creditor of the decedent, you
must file your claim with the court
and mail a copy to the personal
representative appointed by the
court within the later of either (1)
four months from the date of first
issuance of letters to a general
personal representative, as defined
in section 58(b) of the California
Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from
the date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under section
9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal
authority may affect your rights as
a creditor. You may want to consult
with an attorney knowledgeable in
California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept
by the court. If you are a person
interested in the estate, you may file
with the court a Request for Special
Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of
an inventory and appraisal of estate
assets or of any petition or account
as provided in Probate Code section
1250. A Request for Special Notice
form is available from the court clerk.
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Rory A. Hanson
305 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-2011
Filed December 4, 2025
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

12/11, 12/18, 12/25 (25-491)

**CITY OF FORTUNA
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**
Notice is hereby given that on
December 1, 2025; the City Council
of the City of Fortuna adopted the
following ordinance:
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-778
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOR-
TUNA ADDING CHAPTER 8.45 TO
TITLE 8, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL
FOR ANY PERSON IN THE CITY
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OR PROVIDE NITROUS OXIDE TO
ANY PERSON**
**SECOND READING PERFORMED
AND ADOPTED** on the 1st day of De-
cember, 2025 by the following vote:
AYES: Council Members Conley, Diaz,
Mayor Pro Tem Trent, Mayor Johnson
NOES: Council Member Stevens
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
Copies of the full Ordinance are
available for public inspection and
review in the office of the City
Clerk at 621 - 11th Street, Fortuna,
California.
This notice is given in accordance
with Section 36933 of the Govern-
ment Code of the State of California.
This section allows a summary of the
Ordinance to be printed.
Buffy Gray,
Deputy City Clerk
Posted: 12/03/2025

12/11 (25-489)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00613**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Advanced Display & Signs
2800 Hubbard Lane
Eureka, CA 95503
Humboldt
North Star Design LLC
CA B20250340446
2800 Hubbard Lane
Eureka, CA 95503
The business is conducted by a
limited liability company.

The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 11/01/2025.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jason Jordan, Owner-Member
by JC, Deputy Clerk

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 (25-482)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00605**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Gross Building Ritz Building
Humboldt
427 F Street #216
Eureka, CA 95501
Daniel & Jayne Olivier Trust
1830 Ollivier Rd
McKinleyville, CA 95519
The business is conducted by a trust.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 6/24/99.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jayne Ollivier, Trustee
by JR, Deputy Clerk

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 (25-483)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00616**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Ampt Skate Shop
Humboldt
1040 H Street
Arcata, CA 95521
Russell R George
1040 H St
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by an
Individual.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 11/26/25.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
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material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Russell R George, Owner
This November 26, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25 (25-486)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00614**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
**Breathe for Simon Vacation Rent-
als Humboldt**
21 Shaw Ave
Ferndale, CA 95536
2135 B Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Todd D Mckalowski
21 Shaw Ave
Ferndale, CA 95536
The business is conducted by a

married couple .
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 11/15/25.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Todd Mickalowski, Co-Owner
This November 20, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25 (25-487)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00597**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Hustlin Threads
Humboldt
2730 Hubbard Lane
Eureka, CA 95501
Sara Bullock
2730 Hubbard Lane
Eureka, CA 95501
The business is conducted by an
individual .
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 11/12/25.
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statement is true and correct.
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material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
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be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Sara Bullock, Owner
This November 12, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25 (25-488)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00609**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
DHH Drafting
Humboldt
19631 Margaret Ln
Arcata, CA 95521
PO Box 134
Bayside, CA 95524
Daniel H Hertel
1931 Margaret Ln
Arcata, CA 95521
Kelsey D Hale
1931 Margaret Ln
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by a
married couple.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on n/a.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Daniel Hertel, Owner /Co-partner
This November 18, 2025
by SG, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-490)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00612**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Alluvium
Humboldt
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
**Dry Farmed Organic Medicinals,
LLC**
CA 201934710086
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
The business is conducted by a
limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 12/4/2019.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00586**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Inari Chili Oil
Humboldt
2750 Pacific Ave
Arcata, CA 95521
Jesse Donnelly
2750 Pacific Ave
Arcata, CA 95521
Chloe J Bocox
2750 Pacific Ave
Arcata, CA 95521
The business is conducted by a
general partnership.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on n/a.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jesse, Donnelly, Owner/Partner
This October 29, 2025
by JC, Deputy Clerk

11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/11 (25-463)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00611**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Dry Farmed Medicinals
Humboldt
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
Organic Medicinals, Inc
CA 3859795
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
The business is conducted by a
corporation.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 1/4/2016.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jill Vander Linden, CEO
This November 20, 2025
by TH, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-493)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00612**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
Alluvium
Humboldt
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
**Dry Farmed Organic Medicinals,
LLC**
CA 201934710086
125 Shively Flat Rd
Shively, CA 95565
The business is conducted by a
limited liability company.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on 12/4/2019.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to

be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Jill Vander Linden, CEO/President
This November 20, 2025
by TH, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-494)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT 25-00635**
The following person is doing Busi-
ness as
CNC Construction
Humboldt
1901 Harrison Ave
Eureka, CA 95501
Alfredo Cadena
1901 Harrison Ave
Eureka, CA 95501
The business is conducted by an
individual.
The date registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or name listed above
on n/a.
I declare that all information in this
statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any
material matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and Professions
Code that the registrant knows to
be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed
one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s Alfredo Cadena, Owner
This December 8, 2025
by JR, Deputy Clerk

12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1 (25-492)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Bjorn Van Berg
CASE NO. CV2502460
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF: Bjorn Van Berg
for a decree changing names as
follows:
Present name
Bjorn Van Berg
to Proposed Name
Bjorn Bruce Van Berg
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear
before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if
any, why the petition for change
of name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the name
changes described above must file
a written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and
must appear at the hearing to show
cause why the petition should not
be granted. If no written objection is
timely filed, the court may grant the
petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 12, 2026
Time:8:30 am, Dept. 4
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motely for your hearing, please visit
https://www.humboldt.courts.
ca.gov/
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
Date: November 17, 2025
Filed: November 19, 2025
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 (25-461)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF**
Richard Daniel Stepp
CASE NO. PR2500298
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors and persons
who may otherwise be interested in
the will or estate, or both, of
Richard Daniel Stepp
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
filed by Petitioner, Katrin Homan
In the Superior Court of California,
County of Humboldt. The petition
for probate requests that Katrin
Homan be appointed as personal
representative to administer the
estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be
admitted to probate. This will and
any codicils are available for exam-
ination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority
to administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of
Estates Act. (This authority will
allow the personal representative to
take many actions without obtaining
court approval. Before taking certain
very important actions, however,
the personal representative will be
required to give notice to interested
persons unless they have waived
notice or consented to the proposed
action.) The independent admin-
istration authority will be granted
unless an interested person files an

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
Tara Nicole Bratt
CASE NO. CV2502458
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
825 FIFTH ST.
EUREKA, CA. 95501
PETITION OF: Tara Nicole Bratt
for a decree changing names as
follows:
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Tara Nicole Bratt
to Proposed Name
Tara Nicole Van Berg
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear
before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if
any, why the petition for change
of name should not be granted.
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changes described above must file
a written objection that includes
the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the
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Judge of the Superior Court

objection to the petition and shows
good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will
be held on December 18, 2025 at
9:30 a.m. at the Superior Court of
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Julia Hjerpe, Esq.
Hjerpe Law, Inc
350 E Street, 1st Floor
Eureka, CA 95501
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Filed November 18, 2025
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11/27, 12/4, 12/11 (25-479)

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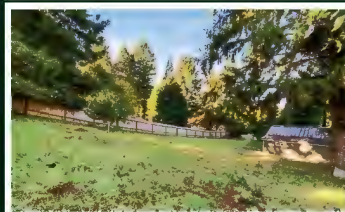
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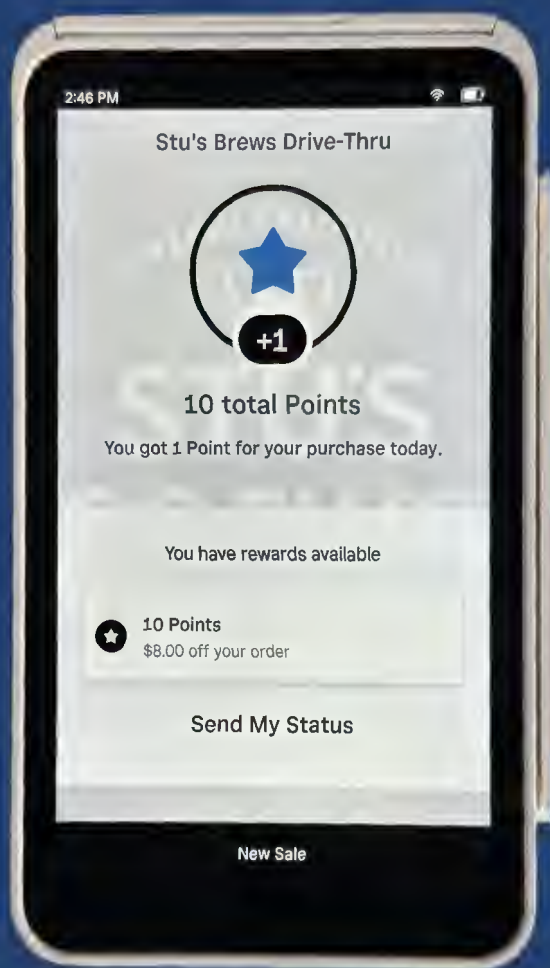
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Organic Italian Stallion seasoning blend, \$8.95; Lovin Spoonful olivewood spoon, \$16.95; Michel Design tea towels, \$12.95; Carruth Studio sculptures, \$57; Uashmama washable paper bags, \$13.95-\$36.95.

13. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
14ky matte polish spike rings.

14. **ZUMBIDO GIFTS**
Telephone wire baskets from the Zulu people. Handmade and fair trade, \$20-\$40.

15. **ABRAXAS SHOES & LEATHER**
Dansko Sigourney boot, \$185.

16. **BELLE STARR**
The Dunlap Weavers natural chenille hand-loomed scarves, made in Maine, \$109-\$135.



1.
**ABRAXAS
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Bella Amore sweater.

2.
PICKY PICKY PICKY
Carhartt knit beanies.

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PICKY PICKY PICKY
Georgia "Romeo"
boot.

4.
**LIVING STYLES
FINE FURNITURE**
Give the gift of light
this holiday season,
Tiffany-style lamps add
color and warmth.

5.
**NORTH COAST
JEWELERS**
14ky pear bypass
engagement ring,
2 carat, \$3,650.

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BELLE STARR
Olivia faux fur car coat,
available in nutria or
black, sizes XS-XXL,
\$173.

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**ABRAXAS
SHOES & LEATHER**
Frye Kate harness
boot, \$368.

8.
MANY HANDS GALLERY
Lost Coast Jewelry,
locally made by Drew
Forsell, from \$54.



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9. **MANY HANDS GALLERY**
Furry felted friends, adorable felted ornaments from fair trade artisans, from \$21.

10. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
Open contour marquise wedding set, 14ky \$4,750.

11. **PICKY PICKY PICKY**
Carhartt logo hoodie sweatshirts.

12. **ABRAXAS JEWELERS**
The Dream, vintage-inspired ring at your dream price.

13. **MILLER FARMS**
Art glass ornaments.

14. **BELLE STARR**
PJ Salvage Doggone Cold fleece pajama set, sizes S-XL, \$119.

15. **BELLE STARR**
Joy Susan convertible backpack/sling, vegan, \$72.

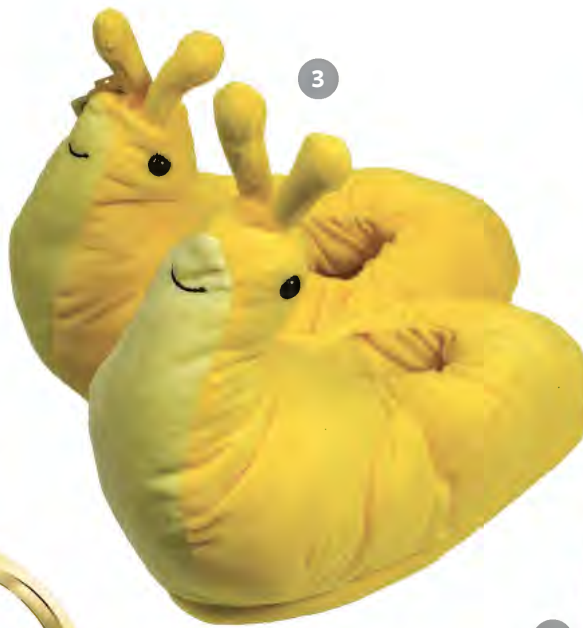
16. **SEQUOIA PARK ZOO**
Give the gift that gives throughout the year: a membership at Sequoia Park Zoo.



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1. **BELLE STARR**
Pendemonium faux fur hand warmers, scarves, hats, vests, hoodies and throws, made in Seattle, \$39-\$159.

2. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
14ky tulip series solitaire engagement ring.

3. **SEQUOIA PARK ZOO**
Banana slug slippers, kids size.

4. **BELLE STARR**
Papillon marled sweater, recycled materials, sizes S-XL, \$73.

5. **ABRAXAS SHOES & LEATHER**
Birkenstocks Boston in mocha.

6. **ABRAXAS SHOES & LEATHER**
Blundstone Style No. 2242, fully waterproof Vibram outsole, \$264.95.

7. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
Aquamarine cabachon ring, 14ky.

8. **SEQUOIA PARK ZOO**
The Gift of Care: Donations to the Animal Care Center Fund support the purchase of critical diagnostic equipment.



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9. **CIARA'S IRISH SHOP**
Wild Gorse Bathing Box with bubble bath, soap bar and bath bomb, \$39; soap bar, \$11; lotion, \$22.

10. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
14ky turquoise slab necklace, paperclip chain.

11. **PICKY PICKY PICKY**
Carhartt kids collection.

12. **NORTH COAST JEWELERS**
Auranova solitaire engagement ring.

13. **BELLE STARR**
Adora wool berets, cloches, gambler and floppy-brimmed hats, \$19-\$39.

14. **PICKY PICKY PICKY**
Pendleton bags, blankets, towels and mugs.

15. **MILLER FARMS**
Serene Lights butterfly lantern.

16. **PICKY PICKY PICKY**
BenchMade Bugout knife.

17. **ABRAXAS SHOES & LEATHER**
Dansco Denay waterproof boot, \$220.

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Carhartt women's
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ZUMBIDO GIFTS
Adorable 100% cotton
stuffies, hand-knit and
fair trade from Peru,
\$24-\$30.

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CIARA'S IRISH SHOP
Islander UK's fuchsia
Tartan large satchel,
\$139; zip wallet, \$59.

4.
PICKY PICKY PICKY
DoveTail women's
work wear.

5.
**NORTH COAST
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Montana sapphire
nature ring, 14k
peach gold, \$3,500.

6.
**NORTH COAST
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14ky amethyst drop
necklace, \$1,150.

7.
MILLER FARMS
Flannel shirts,
flannel infinity
scarves.

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**ABRAXAS
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Miz Mooz Parnell
boots, \$199.95.